

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, and 14 are pending in the present application.

The rejections of: (a) Claims 1-4 and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and/or 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Smith (US 3,962,500), and (b) Claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Smith (US 3,962,500), as well as the apparent rejection of Claims 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Smith (US 3,962,500) appearing on page 4 (last paragraph) through page 5 (first paragraph) of the Office Action mailed January 12, 2005, are obviated by amendment.

Consistent with the Examiner's recognition that Claims 6-7 and 12-13 are free from the art of record (see paragraph 7 on page 5 and paragraph 10 on page 6 of the Advisory Action mailed April 26, 2005), Applicants have limited the scope of the claimed invention to that set forth in previously pending Claims 6-7 and 12-13. It should be noted that Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 6, Claim 7 has been amended to be an independent claim, Claim 8 has been amended to include the limitations of previously pending Claim 12, and Claim 13 has been amended to be an independent claim. It should further be noted that the claims have been amended to remove the term "the main component" from the independent claims. However, regardless of which interpretation of the meaning is selected, this term is no longer needed in the claims as the relative concentrations are now explicitly recited in the independent claims and, thus, this term is superfluous.

In view of the amendments herein, consistent with the Examiner's indication in the Advisory Action, Applicants request withdrawal of these grounds of rejection.

The obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 1-13 over Claims 1-9 and 13-15 of US 6,403,183 in view of Marwitz et al., is respectfully requested.


As stated above, the scope of the presently pending claims has been limited to the subject matter of previously pending Claims 6-7 and 12-13. As such, Applicants submit that pending Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, and 14 are not obvious in view of the claims of US 6,403,183, even when combined with the disclosure of Marwitz et al., as the claims of US 6,403,183 do not disclose or suggest the relative concentrations of the compounds in the coating solution.

Therefore, Applicants submit that the claimed invention is not obvious over Claims 1-9 and 13-15 of US 6,403,183 in view of Marwitz et al. Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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